

NOVEMBER, 2011

MEDC will be CLOSED

November 24 and 25



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October and November HIGHLIGHTS...

October's theme was **NATURE**. See the CURRICULUM CORNER on page 3 for a partial list of the wonderful activities that were offered last month.

In November, our theme will be **HEALTH, FITNESS, AND NUTRITION**.



MEDC's annual
PIZZA and POPS PARTY
Friday, November 18,
6:00-8:00 pm



\$2.00 per person
(under age 4 free)

The fourth and fifth graders will collect food donations to benefit the West Hartford Food Pantry.

RSVP forms will be distributed via e-mail on November 2 and are due by November 11.

Please join us!



Somewhere, something incredible is waiting to be known.
Carl Sagan

NOVEMBER CLUB SCHEDULE

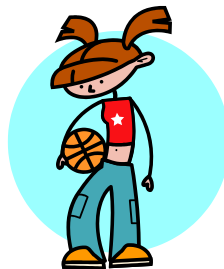
K-1: November 4, 15

Second: November 2, 17

Third: November 3, 11, 22

Fourth: November 10, 18

Fifth: every Wednesday



Club takes place from school dismissal until 5:00 and is under the direction of Mr. Greg and Ms. Michelle. Responsible older children may volunteer to help with younger clubs; they are expected to help Greg and Michelle and to serve as role models for younger children. Club Helpers are assigned on a rotating basis.

The Club schedule is subject to change.

The Club Schedule is included on our website, morleyextendeddaycare.com.

Parents

please note:

If your child becomes ill, ***please:***

Keep your child home until 24 hours after symptoms have disappeared (without use of fever-reducing medication).

For information regarding MEDC's illness and exclusion policy, see page 17-18 of your *Parents Handbook*.



"The people who influence you are people who believe in you."

**Henry Drummond
(1851-1897)
British Religious
Leader and Writer**

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences will take place November 15-18. On Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, students will be dismissed from school at 1:30. School will be dismissed at the

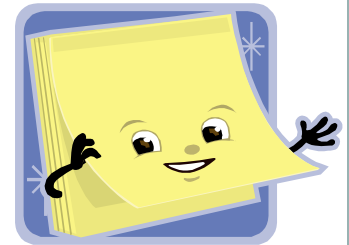
regular time on Wednesday (2:00).

If your child is already enrolled on conference days, he/she will be sent directly to MEDC at the early dismissal time.

Because of enrollment and staffing limitations, MEDC WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE ANY DROP-INS (children who are not normally enrolled) ON CONFERENCE DAYS.

REMINDERS TO PARENTS...

- Please finish your cell phone conversation before entering the cafeteria.
- Unless you are here on MEDC business, we cannot allow you to enter the building through the cafeteria (to pick up at Brownies, French Club, etc).
- Access to classrooms and upper floors of the school is not permitted during after school hours. Please do not plan to retrieve forgotten homework, instruments, coats, etc. when you pick up your child from MEDC.



notes and **Accident Reports** are left in your mailbox, labeled with the date.

Please check your mail each day. Sign and return one copy of the Caring and Sharing or Accident Report, so that we know you received the information in a timely manner.

- MEDC staff does not have access to financial information. Questions about your account or tuition payments must be directed to Maureen on Tuesday or Thursday mornings.
- If your contact information ~ *phone numbers, address, e-mail, etc.* ~ changes, please notify the MEDC office.
- **Caring and Sharing**
- Your child must be **signed in** each morning and **signed out** each evening (*initials and time*), by an adult over age 18. This is Connecticut law.

Tuition Reminder

Tuition is due by the first of each month. If not paid by the 10th, late charges begin to accrue weekly. Children whose tuition is not paid by the last day of the month may not attend MEDC the following month. Payments may be left in the black payment box above the mailboxes.

STAFF STUFF

MEDC welcomes Francine Laplante to our staff! Francine is a student at Capital Community College, studying Early Childhood Education. She teaches Health and Nutrition to children through the Y program sponsored by UCONN.

On Saturday, November 5, the entire MEDC staff will attend the *Connecticut After School Network* conference in Farmington. Each of us will take three classes in a variety of subjects, including *Positive Discipline, Service-Learning, Art, Drama, Music, Science and Nature, Administrative Issues, Bully Prevention, and Fitness and Movement.*

Congratulations to Nazy Kesbar on becoming a grandmother for the first time!

Dressing for the Weather...MEDC's policy

As the temperature continues to drop during November, MEDC is faced with the challenge of determining what outerwear children should be required to wear outdoors. Our policy is as follows:

* **When the temperature, with wind chill, is in the 30's or below,** ALL CHILDREN must wear a coat and whatever outerwear (gloves, boots, hat, etc.) that the staff deems appropriate for the weather.

- **When the temperature, with wind chill, is in the 40's,** children will be required to wear long sleeves (long-sleeved shirt, sweatshirt, light jacket), but they may choose not to wear a heavy-weight coat.
- **When the temperature with wind chill is in the 50's or above,** children will NOT be required to wear a coat or long sleeves.

We recommend that children wear layers to school in the morning, which can be removed as the day gets warmer or added if the weather becomes cooler.

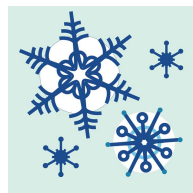
We also understand that some children 'run warm' and would be uncomfortable under this policy. Please let Katherine know if your child is one of those 'warm-blooded' types, and we will work out a compromise



BRRRR...

Inclement Weather Policy... (Handbook pages 15-16)

- If school is CLOSED due to inclement weather, MEDC is CLOSED.
- If school is delayed by one hour, MEDC opens at 8:15.
- If school is delayed by 90 minutes, MEDC opens at 8:45.
- If school is DISMISSED EARLY, the afternoon session of MEDC is CANCELLED.
- If the full school day takes place but AFTERNOON AND EVENING ACTIVITIES ARE CANCELLED, MEDC WILL STAY OPEN ONE HOUR BEYOND SCHOOL DISMISSAL. Children must be picked up by 4:20 (3:00 on Wednesday).
- Decisions regarding inclement weather on Vacation Camp days will be made by the Director



SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED November 8, Election Day.

MEDC will operate a VACATION CAMP program on that day for children who have been registered.

CURRICULUM CORNER -----



October Activities included:

- Kickball and making spider masks with Ms. Amanda
 - Knitting, crocheting, and quilting with Ms. Nazy
 - Leaf rubbings and paper bag scarecrows with Ms. Kristina
 - Jewelry making, Paper Mache, and co-operative games at Club with Ms. Michelle and Mr. Greg
 - A nature walk, leaf bookmarks, and clay leaf prints with Ms. Melissa
 - Decorating Halloween cookies and 'waxing' leaves with Ms. Mimi
 - Painting pet rocks with Ms. Octavia
 - Making Nutty Squirrels with Ms. Cathy
 - Decorating birdhouses and playing Pass the Pumpkin with Ms. Jackie
 - Bingo, music games, melting beads, gym games, playground sports, a ping pong tournament, rainy day movies and Wii
- ...and much, much more!



"Look at a day when you are supremely satisfied at the end. It's not a day when you lounge around doing nothing; it's when you had everything to do, and you've done it."
Margaret Thatcher

